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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7781

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON GREECE

REFS: A. STATE 48756 B. ATHENS 1811

1. ATHENS PRESS MARCH 6 FRONT PAGED DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT
(REF A) SHARING HEADLINES WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S
MEETING WITH FONMIN BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS MARCH 7 (REF B).
SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS MERGED THE TWO NEWS STORIES INCLUDING
PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI WHICH ALSO REPORTED THAT
AMBASSADOR JACK KUBISCH "HAS ALREADY DEPARTED FOR LONDON
WHERE HE WILL BRIEF SECRETARY KISSINGER."

2. COVERAGE OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT WAS PROMINENT AND
GENERALLY UPBEAT, E.G. AKROPOLIS CAPTION "STATE DEPARTMENT--
WE STRONGLY SUPPORT AND RESPECT CARAMANLIS." HOWEVER, PRESS
ALSO REPORTED THAT ANDREAS PAPANDREOU CONTINUES TO INSIST
THAT HE HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT SECRETARY DID MAKE THE
DISPUTED REMARKS ABOUT CARAMANLIS ON HIS RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE
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3. BROAD COVERAGE OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT, COMING ON
HEELS OF EMBASSY'S RELEASE ON MARCH 4, HAS HELPED CLARIFY
FURTHER U.S. POSTURE TOWARD REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN
GREECE AND IN SEEKING CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

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